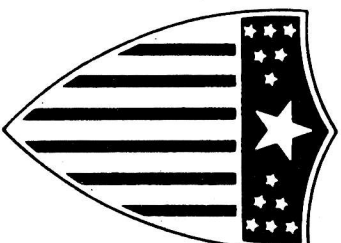


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Date: 6 Jan 1945
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6 January 1945

SUBJECT: Attachment Order.

TO : See Distribution.

Effective 1800A hours, 6 January 1945 the following listed units are relieved from attachment to XV Corps and are attached to VI Corps for operations; administration and supply remain with 7th Army:

12th Armored Division with attached:
572 AAA AW Bn (SP)
827 TD Bn

By Command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

/s/ W. G. Caldwell
/t/ W. G. CALDWELL,
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HEADQUARTERS 827TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 758 U. S. Army

8 February 1945.

UNIT HISTORY

On 1 January, 1945, (Auth: VCCG 12th Armored Division) "A" Company atched 92nd Recon Squadron; 2nd and 3rd platoons moved North, went into position near Grundviller and Lixing-St. Avold, respectively, supporting 92nd in counter-reconnaissance screen. (See Overlay #1).

On 2nd January, 1945, 1st Platoon, Company "A" and Headquarters Company moved North to Gros-Tenquin, behind 2nd and 3rd Platoons. (See Overlay #1).

On 6th January, 1945, Battalion attached (VCCG 7A) to "Wahl Task Force", formed as a counter measure against a three-pronged German drive against 7A center, toward HAGANAU, France, and SAVERNE, France. At 0010, 7 January, 1945 Battalion left NEBING, France, to join the Task Force in VI Corps (Battalion was relieved from attachment XV Corps and attached for operations to VI Corps per Letter Order, Hq 7A, "Attachment Orders", d and g, on 6 January, 1945). By 1000 hours, 7 January, 1945, Battalion closed in bivouac in BOSSENDORF, East of SAVERNE and South of HAGANAU. (See Overlay #2).

On 8th January, 1945, at 2130 hours, Battalion moved Northeast of HAGANAU, Bn CP, Headquarters Company and Reconnaissance Company stopping at NIEDERBETSCHDORF, "A" and "B" Companies at SOULTZ sur FORETS, with 2nd and 3rd Platoons of Recon and "C" Companies respectively, and "C" Company at HERRON, immediately below infantry elements holding front line. Headquarters Company departed DMUZE at 1130 hours on 7 January, 1945, arriving at BOSSENDORF at 1400 hours. (See Overlay #2).

First commitment came on 8 January, 1945; at 0300 hours, Company "A", was placed in support of 315th Infantry CT, Company "B" with 68th Armored Infantry, Company "C" with 313th CT, and occupied positions about ten (10) miles West of the Rhine River in the Alsacian bulge. (See Overlay #2).

One officer (1st Lt) KIA in vicinity East of HOFFEN, France, by an 88 which also destroyed one M-18 destroyer being led into position. Other two destroyers of same platoon knocked out two (2) German tanks. One destroyer knocked out a machine gun nest in same skirmish. Bn CP plus 2nd and 3rd Recon Platoons then moved to BIBLISHHEIM, France. (See Overlay #2).

During 9th January, 1945, an armored threat developed in vicinity of HATTAN, France. Orders were received directing 827th and 813th TD Battalions to operate jointly in "Wahl Task Force". Joint TD team, plus 242nd Infantry, destroyed nine (9) German tanks (Mark IVs). (See Overlay #2).

Company "B" (827th TD Bn) participated in two engagements on 10 January 1945, in vicinity of HATTAN, France. Results: three (3) M-18s lost, 15 EW MIA, and one officer WIA, three (3) Mark IVs (probables) destroyed, 19 Germans KIA.

UNIT HISTORY, 827TH Tank Destroyer Bn. (Continued)

On the same date one platoon of Company "A", took up positions near SOUFFENEAU, France, overlooking the Rhine River. Company "C", was pinned down by enemy artillery fire, resulting in loss of one (1) 1/4-ton vehicle and two (2) EM MIA. (See Overlay #2).

On 11th January, 1945, at 0130 hours, Company "A", marched from RITTERSHOFFEN to HOFFEN, France, under heavy enemy artillery fire, completing the march at 0230, and taking up positions South of town in LEITTSWEILLER Sector. One platoon of Company "B", received official credit for destroying four (4) Mark IVs while suffering no damage for that particular day. (See Overlay #2).

On 12th January, 1945, one platoon of Company "A", took positions of readiness in the vicinity of RITTERSHOFFEN. One EM KIA, two (2) Mark IVs knocked out and one enemy machine gun nest destroyed. Two platoons of Company "B", plus one Ron platoon, was isolated (two officers and approximately 60 EM) in vicinity of HATTAN, France. (See Overlay #2).

On 14th January, 1945, one platoon (Composed of EM from "A" and "B" Companies) was employed in street fighting in town of RITTERSHOFFEN. No tanks fired upon. Work of destroyers consisted of shelling buildings and driving enemy therefrom. One (1) M-18 and one (1) 1/4-ton, complete with OVML W 3206330300 and SCR 610, destroyed by enemy shell fire. Part of isolated platoon evacuated and replaced during the night. (See overlay #2).

One officer (Captain) MIA on 16 January, 1945, by enemy shell fire. Company "A" lost one (1) M-18 at RITTERSHOFFEN due to enemy shell; reinforcements were sent into HATTAN for isolated platoon. (See Overlay #2).

On 17th January, 1945, Company "A's" CP moved to SERBURG, France, and took up gun positions in woods South of HATTAN, knocking out two (2) German tanks at range of 1400 yards. Other reinforcements sent to isolated platoon. Officer and some members of originally isolated were returned to Bn CP for rest. Two (2) tanks knocked out just before dark Southeast of OBERROEDERN by 813th Infantry-Artillery team in "A" Company's sector. (See Overlay #2).

On 18th January, 1945, two M-18s were hit by enemy fire. One destroyer burned and crew was reported lost. Other destroyer did not burn and no personnel was lost. One platoon of Company "A", neutralized enemy activity in church steeple at SIESSENHEIM by firing on steeple. One (1) EM MIA. (See Overlay #2).

On 20th January, 1945, Battalion received orders to march vicinity of WAHLENHEIM-BERNOLSHHEIM, and companies were to withdraw from Infantry commanders to which they were attached. Bn was relieved from Task Force "Wehl" and reverted to VI Corps Reserve as of 22 January, 1945. CP Group moved (1600-1700) to WAHLENHEIM with Ron Headquarters. Ron Hq and Bn Maintenance established bivouac in WAHLENHEIM: CP Group moved to BERNOLSHHEIM, closing at 2000 hours, establishing CP there. "C" Company moved to HAGANAU; "A" and "B" Companies moved to BATZENHOF.

On 23rd January, 1945, Bn CP moved to WASSELONE, also "A" and "B" Companies. "C", Hq and 1st platoon Ron moved to Haegan. Two days later Bn CP, A, B and

UNIT HISTORY, 827TH Tank Destroyer Bn., (Continued)

Rcn moved to WIMERSHEIM. (See Overlay #2).

On 27th January, 1945, at 1500 hours, Bn CP departed WIMERSHEIM and closed in STUTZHEIM at 1530 hours.

13 Jan

CP's
A Co--Leiterwiller
B Co--Oberstendorf
C Co--Leiterwiller
Rcn--Biblishelm
Hq--Haganau

Operations
No change
No change
No change

Ammo expended

0
0
0
0
0

14 Jan

~~xxxxxx~~ CP's--all same.
Operations--~~xxxxxx~~ One platoon composed partially of A, partly of B Co men and destroyers under Lt. McNeill was employed during the period in street fighting in town of RITTERSHOFFEN. No tanks fired upon. Work of destroyers consisted of shelling buildings and driving enemy therefrom.
Destroyer W-16 USA No. 628877 (C 10) ignited by shell fire or tracer in position 178.358. The vehicle burned; no casualties.
One 4-ton vehicle complete with OVAL W3206330300 (Rcn 16), including SCR 610 radio, destroyed by enemy shell fire, position 178.324.
Ammo expended--A Co, 25 APC, 60 HE; B Co, 25 APC, 52 HE.
Part of isolated platoon in XTA HATTAN evacuated and replaced during night.
15 Jan

CP's--all same.
Operations--A Co--Lt. McNeill evacuated from platoon fighting in RITTERSHOFFEN due to trench foot, and sent to hospital. Lt. Kelly took ~~xxxx~~ Lt. McNeill's place with platoon.
B Co--Capt. Sullivan injured by gunfire, evacuated to hospital.
Lt. G. Young assumed command of company.

~~xxxxxx~~

C Co--No change.

Ammo expended--A Co--8 APC, 10 HE

16 Jan

CP's--all same.
Events--A Co--1 W-16 damaged by artillery shell and seared by flame-throwing tank.
Lt. Kelly's platoon continued firing in RITTERSHOFFEN.
B Co--Lt. Chase and Pioneer Platoon Sgt sent into HATTAN as reinforcements for isolated platoon. No transfer involved.
C Co--Lt. Farnham, from Repl. Depot, joined C Co as Exec O. Lt. Sourinlan alerted to take eight men into HATTAN to ~~xxxxxx~~ relieve remainder of isolated platoon not yet evacuated.
Hq Co--Lt. Kowolowski, from Repl. Depot, joined Hq Co as Exec O. Lt. Valentine tried to Rcn Co as Co Cmdr.
Ammo expended--A Co--70 APC, 90 HE; B Co--74 APC, 50 HE.

FIRST BATTALION, 'A' COMPANY

15 JAN 1945

TO: CO, 817 T.D. BN.

STILL IN POSITION AT RUNITZENHEIM.

REPORT OF ENEMY ATTACK TWO DAYS AGO
DID NOT MATERIALIZE.

INFANTRY CLEARED ROESCHWOGG (210-254)
YESTERDAY. WAS PREPARED TO RENDER SUPPORT, BUT
NOT NEEDED.

GERMAN TANKS AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT
REPORTED GATHERING AT FORT LOUIS (235-225).
ENGINEERS DUG US IN WITH BULLDOZER.
MORALE OF MEN GOOD.

LI. BRESCHIA'S DEATH A SHOCK TO ME.
OVERLAY OF MY POSITIONS ATTACHED.

Richard Shree
RICHTARD E KREBS
1ST LT FA

(R1)

BN HISTORY--17 Jan 45

CP's--A Co moved to Surbourg, others same.

Events--A Co--Two guns located in woods So. HATTAN knocked out two German Mark Four's at range of 1400 yards vicinity south side of HATTAN, verified by A Co Cmdr, who saw tanks burning.

B Co--Lt. Sourenian and 6 EM entered HATTAN to reinforce isolated B Company platoon. Radio reports they arrived but no further details. Lt. Jones ~~with the platoon~~ and seven EM, who had been with in HATTAN since platoon entered, were brought back to B Co CP for rest.

C Co--Two tanks knocked out just before dark S.E. of Oberroderm. Combined action of guns of this bn, 813 TD, and Infantry-Artillery team.

Ammo expended--A Co--7 APC, 0 HE; B Co--10 ~~APC~~ APC, 12 HE; C Co--8 APC, 5 HE.

FIRST PLATOON, 'A' COMPANY

17 JAN 1945

TO: CO, 827 TD BN.

OUR SITUATION STILL THE SAME.

GERMANS RETOOK ROESCHWEG LAST NIGHT,
AND ARE ATTACKING 'B' CO, INF., AT STARTMETTEN THIS
MORNING.

Richard E. Kress

RICHARD E. KRESS
1ST LT FA

(Pa)

Bn History
18 Jan 45

CPI's--no change.

Events--A Co--1st platoon--In Bridgehead sector, R 217.220 and vicinity, two destroyers hit by enemy artillery fire. One destroyer burned and crew reported lost. Other destroyer did not burn, and no personnel lost in it. This platoon earlier in day fired on church steeple in SESENHEIM. Guns fired 32 rounds evidently neutralizing enemy activity in steeple.

B Co--Lt. Jones reported to Bn CO. Lt. Jones had been in HATTAN with

three enemy tanks on 10 Jan, after which platoon covered ~~at~~ road ~~block~~ *near HATTAN*

for next two days, fighting off all attempts by enemy armor to penetrate there. One of the destroyers suffered a direct hit ~~when~~ after firing prematurely at an

approaching tank and disclosing position. Destroyer was able to back to a cover position, and none of crew was lost. Steering mechanism of this destroyer was ~~xxx~~ damaged, and the vehicle is still in HATTAN. For remainder of time Lt. Jones

was in HATTAN, destroyers remaining were used ~~xxx~~ to cover ~~xxxxxx~~ *Notes of 18 Jan 45*

T/5 Kinnebrew was killed about 14 Jan by mortar fire. One other enlisted man was wounded by small arms fire or shrapnel.

Lt. Jones also reported artillery burst killed Lt. Brescia on 10 Jan, and platoon knocked out one armored car and damaged three tanks, in addition to knocking out three tanks.

C Co--no change.

Ammo expended--A Co--15 APC, 32 HE; others, none.

HEADQUARTERS 79TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 79 U. S. Army

GENERAL ORDERS)
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19 January 1945

E X T R A C T

II. Award of Bronze Medal.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Captain DOUGLAS H. SULLIVAN, 024169, Field Artillery, 827th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 13 January 1945 in France. When a German bomb set fire to a truck containing thirty-five rounds of 8" howitzer ammunition and two boxes of fuses, Captain SULLIVAN jumped on the truck and commenced to unload the fuses. He was immediately joined by another man and shortly after, by four more. Together, they unloaded the entire vehicle. This was accomplished despite the fact that the truck was burning furiously and the fire had eaten into the truck bed containing the ammunition. By his prompt action and initiative, Captain SULLIVAN prevented an explosion that would have caused many casualties among both civilian and military personnel. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the armed forces of the United States.

By command of Major General WYCHE:

KRAMER THOMAS,
Colonel, G. S. C.,
Chief of Staff.

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SUBJECT: Attachment Order.

TO : See Distribution.

EXTRACT

1. Effective this date the 827 Tank Destroyer Bn (SP) is relieved from attachment to VI Corps and is attached to the 12th Armored Division for operations. Administration and supply remain with Seventh Army.

By command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

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2. Co A 827th TD Bn reld atachment 79th Inf Div and reverts to control parent unit effective at once.

3. 827th TD Bn reld atachment VI Corps and is atchd, in present area, to 12th Armd Div. CO Report to CG 12th Armd Div for instructions.

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| 01824718 | Winter, Bernard Joe (1) | 1st Lt | FA | KIA | 8 Jan 45 | Z | 1222 | Hoffen, France |
| 01821817 | Brescia, Louis (1) | 1st Lt | FA | KIA | 10 Jan 45 | Z | 1222 | Hattan, France |
| 32234258 | Brimm, George S. (2) | S/Sgt | FA | KIA | 10 Jan 45 | Z | 610 | Hattan, France |
| 34325700 | Jewett, Charles E. (2) | S/Sgt | FA | KIA | 14 Jan 45 | Z | 821 | Hattan, France |
| 01822236 | Caw, Frank O. (1) | Capt | CAV | SWA | 8 Jan 45 | Z | 1222 | Leiterswiller France |
| 01824605 | Gamble, Gerald R. (1) | 1st Lt | FA | SWA | 12 Jan 45 | Z | 1222 | Leiterswiller France |
| 01825936 | Teske, Orville K. (1) | 2nd Lt | FA | SWA | 10 Jan 45 | Z | 1222 | Hattan France |
| 34177551 | Dickens, Louis F. (2) | Sgt | FA | SWA | 10 Jan 45 | Z | 610 | Hattan, France |
| 34252168 | Enoch, Zach W. (2) | Sgt | FA | SWA | 7 Jan 45 | Z | 610 | Hoffen, France |
| 34092782 | McCrea, Richard M. (2) | Tec 4 | FA | SWA | 10 Jan 45 | Z | 610 | Hattan, France |
| 37515821 | Browning, Parr Jr. (2) | Cpl | FA | SWA | 10 Jan 45 | Z | 610 | Leiterswiller France |
| 34166703 | Hill, Nathion (2) | Cpl | FA | SWA | 10 Jan 45 | Z | 610 | Hattan, France |

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| 34068065 | Gainer, Frank (2) | Cpl | FA | SWA | 10 Jan 45 | Z | 610 | Leiterswiller France |
| 34273743 | Davis, Louis H. (2) | Tec 5 | FA | LIA | 8 Jan 45 | Z | 345 | Hagenau, France |
| 34273722 | Buttler, Christo (2) | Pfc | FA | LIA | 8 Jan 45 | Z | 345 | Leiterswiller France |
| 38436715 | Johnson, James E. (2) | Pfc | FA | SWA | 13 Jan 45 | Z | 610 | Leiterswiller France |
| 34251911 | Alston, Javam (2) | Pfc | FA | SWA | 10 Jan 45 | Z | 610 | Leiterswiller France |
| 34069845 | Persons, John Jr. (2) | Pfc | FA | SWA | 8 Jan 45 | Z | 610 | Leiterswiller France |
| 34941360 | Lawrence, Charles (2) | Pvt | FA | SWA | 10 Jan 45 | Z | 745 | Hattan, France |
| 38080949 | Mitchell, Vercell (2) | Pvt | FA | SWA | 8 Jan 45 | Z | 745 | Hattan, France |
| 34292668 | Trent, Matthew Jr. (2) | Pvt | FA | SWA | 8 Jan 45 | Z | 745 | Hattan, France |
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| 34273607 | Bentley, Cornelious (2) | Sgt | FA | MIA | 10 Jan 45 | Z | 610 | France South of Hattan / |
| 34252104 | Lassiter, Clanton (2) | Sgt | FA | MIA | 10 Jan 45 | Z | 610 | France South of Hattan / |
| 34405961 | Barnes, James C. (2) | Cpl | FA | MIA | 10 Jan 45 | Z | 610 | France South of Hattan / |
| 35028052 | Watts, William (2) | Cpl | FA | MIA | 10 Jan 45 | Z | 610 | France South of Hattan / |
| 34966735 | Watkins, Columbus (2) | Tec 5 | FA | MIA | 10 Jan 45 | Z | 610 | France South of Hattan / |
| 38137646 | Norris, Robert L. (2) | Pfc | FA | MIA | 10 Jan 45 | Z | 610 | France South of Hattan / |
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| 35744553 | Henderson, William B. (2) | Pfc | FA | MIA | 10 Jan 45 | Z | 610 | France South of Hattan / |
| 38048756 | Stone, Melvin (2) | Pfc | FA | MIA | 10 Jan 45 | Z | 610 | France South of Hattan / |
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| 34067274 | Kinnebrew, Sylvester (2) | Pfc | FA | KIA | 14 Jan 45 | Z | 610 | France |
| 35428187 | Shepherd, Bernard E. (2) | Cpl | FA | LIA | 16 Jan 45 | Z | 610 | France |
| 34061772 | Wooten, Junior (2) | Tec 5 | FA | LIA | 16 Jan 45 | Z | 610 | France |
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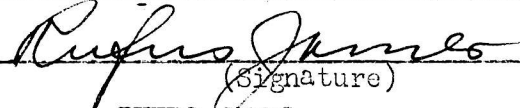
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| 0-24169 | Sullivan, Douglas H. (1) | Capt | FA | DOW | 16 Jan 45 | Z | 1222 | France |
| | Fr SWA 15 Jan 45 to DOW. Previous BC Status of SWA reported on BCR No. 6, dated 19 Jan 45. | | | | | | | |
| 20266156 | Redwyne, Theodore S. (2) | Sgt | FA | KIA | 17 Jan 45 | Z | 610 | France |
| 34069313 | Washington, Sharon R. (2) | Sgt | FA | LIA | 18 Jan 45 | Z | 610 | France |
| 34068933 | Whitehead, John E. (2) | Tec 4 | FA | LIA | 16 Jan 45 | Z | 610 | France |
| 34166762 | Box, Robert J. (2) | Cpl | FA | LIA | 18 Jan 45 | Z | 610 | France |
| 34166728 | Bradley, Willie (2) | Tec 5 | FA | LIA | 18 Jan 45 | Z | 610 | France |
| 34119566 | Brown, Charlie A. (2) | Cpl | FA | LIA | 18 Jan 45 | Z | 610 | France |
| 3035891 | Drew, Leo (2) | Cpl | FA | LIA | 16 Jan 45 | Z | 610 | France |
| 34166708 | Hill, Nathan (2) | Cpl | FA | LIA | 10 Jan 45 | Z | 610 | France |
| 34069501 | Harris, Israel (2) | Cpl | FA | LWA | 19 Jan 45 | Z | 610 | France |
| 34067771 | Perry, Ozell (2) | Tec 5 | FA | LIA | 17 Jan 45 | Z | 610 | France |

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CWO-USA, Personnel Officer.

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BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT OF

827TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION (SP)

(Designation of Unit)

23 January 1945

(Date)

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| 38436715 | Johnson, James E. (2) | Pfc | FA | RTD | 22 Jan 45 | Z | 610 | France |
| | Fr LIA 13 Jan 45 to RTD. Previous BC Status of LIA reported on BCR No. 4, dated 16 Jan 45. | | | | | | | |
| 34251957 | Kirby, Robert J. (2) | Pfc | FA | SWA | 10 Jan 45 | Z | 610 | France |
| 35691179 | Southerling, Jaytee (2) | Pfc | FA | SWA | 11 Jan 45 | Z | 610 | France |
| 34069343 | Wiseman, Roy L. (2) | Pfc | FA | SWA | 17 Jan 45 | Z | 610 | France |
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(Designation of Unit)

25 January 1945
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(Designation of Unit)

27 January 1945

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BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT OF

(Designation of Unit)

9 February 1945

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RUFUS JAMES

CWO-USA, Personnel Officer.

HEADQUARTERS XXI CORPS
Office of the Corps Commander

10 February, 1945.

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SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding Officer, 827th Tank Destroyer Battalion,
U. S. Army.

1. The operations of the XXI Corps in the Colmar area have been successfully completed. Colmar has been liberated and the enemy has been driven to the east of the Rhine.
2. The success of these operations has been due to the loyalty, the gallantry and the unselfish devotion to duty of the many thousands of officers, and enlisted men of the units that constitute the XXI Corps.
3. The 827th Tank Destroyer Battalion was particularly outstanding in these operations. It performed its assigned missions with great enthusiasm. It completed these missions successfully, contributing materially thereby to the great victory achieved by our units.
4. I wish to commend you, the officers, and the enlisted men of the 827th Tank Destroyer Battalion for the superior manner in which they performed during these operations. Their actions were superb, and they reflect the finest traditions of the Armies of the United States.

/s/t/ F. W. MILBURN,
Major General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.

A true copy.

Test S. Young
TESTER S. YOUNG,
2nd Lt., FA,
Adjutant, 827th TD Bn.

HEADQUARTERS 827TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 758 U. S. Army

10 February 1945

UNIT JOURNAL

On 10 January, 1945, following telephone message was received from Bn S-3: "Following casualties from "B" Company are reported: 15 EM, MIA, 1 EM, KIA, 1 Off WIA, 3 German tanks knocked out, 6 M-18s operational. Company fired HE into enemy infantry and machine gun nests."

On 11 January, 1945, CP Gp plus atchd Rcn personnel departed original site in BIBLISHEIM. "A" Company was ordered to move 4 M-18s to positions in RITTERSHOFEN. (See M-1 and M-2).

On 16 January, 1945, Officers and crew (including supplies) departed Bn CP as reinforcements for isolated troops in HATTEN.

On 17 January, 1945, report was received that EM, Co. "A", had knocked out two (2) tanks; overlay received showing gun positions. At 1505 hours, Bn received "Red Alert".

On 20 January, 1945, Officer reported at Bn CP with oral orders for Bn CP plus Rcn to move to WAHLENHEIM (by infiltration) at 1525 hours; Bn began movement at prescribed hour, closing in WAHLENHEIM at 1700 hours. At 1915 hours, CP Gp, less Bn Maint., moved to BERNOLSHHEIM, closing in at 2000 hours. Entire Bn closed in BERNOLSHHEIM by 2130 hours.

On 22 January, 1945, telephone call was received stating that Bn reverted to control of 12th Arm'd Div (See M5 and O3); message also received attaching one company to 79th Infantry Division. "A" Company (nine (9) M-18s plus Rcn Platoon) received, relieving Bn from atchmt VI Corps, atchd to 12th Arm'd Div for Opns; remains with 7A for Administration and Supply (See O5--Order #5). Later on same date note received from Bn S-3, stating the t six (6) Tds had been put in position in KALTENHOUSE.

On 23 January, 1945, Company "A", was relieved from atchmt with 79th Inf. Div and reverted to control of parent unit. (Auth: OI #23, VI Corps). At 1645 Bn began move to WASSELONE, closing in at 2030 hours.

On 25 January, 1945, Bn cleared WASSELONE at 1730, closing in WIMERSHEIM at 1830 hours.

On 26 January, 1945, Bn received Operational Overlay from 12th Arm'd Div regarding plans for employing Division in attack. Bn ordered to initiate reconnaissance for positions in which to support Division attacks.

On 27 January, 1945, Bn began movement from WIMERSHEIM at 1500, closing in SPITZHEIM at 1535 hours.

HEADQUARTERS
827TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 758, U. S. Army

15 February, 1945.

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827TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 758, U. S. Army

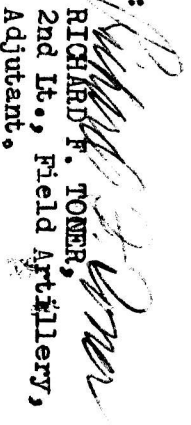
15 February, 1945.

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, Seventh Army,
APO 758, U. S. Army.

1. Transmitted herewith Unit History for month of January, 1945.

For the Battalion Commander:


RICHARD F. TONER,
2nd Lt., Field Artillery,
Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS
827TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 758, U. S. Army

15 February, 1945.

C-O-O-R-D-I-N-A-T-E-S

(All coordinates taken from Europe Road Map, 1:200,000, VERDUN-WITSEMBOURG,
First Edition, sheet 57).

NAMES:

Saverne, France
Hagenau, France
Nebing, France
Bossendorf, France
Soultz sur Forets, France
Miederbetschdorf, France
Dieuze, France
Hoffen, France
Biblishheim, France
Hattin, France
Souffeneau, France
Rittershoffen, France
Leitersweiler, France
Surburg, France
Oberroedern, France
Sessenheim, France
Wahlenheim, France
Bernolsheim, France
Batzenndorf, France

COORDINATES:

Q73 05
R03 24
Q32 34
Q88 21
R13 38
R13 33
Q25 25
R15 38
R04 33
R18 34
R17 26
R14 34
R14 35
R08 35
R15 36
R19 24
Q94 19
Q95 15
Q99 21

Wasselone, Wawersheim, and Stutzheim, France, found just below Southern-
Central border of same map.

UNIT
TO COORDINATE

MAP - FRANCE

SHEET - SELTZ 1-2

SCALE - 1:25,000

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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY
APO 758 US ARMY

Auth: CG 7 Army
Init:
Date: 11 Feb '45

AG 370.5 - C

SUBJECT: Attachment Order

TO : See Distribution.

1. PAC in Radio, Headquarters Sixth Army Group, Ref BX 24101, dated 9 February 1945, effective 0800A hours, 9 February 1945, the 12th Armored Division (with 572nd AAA AW Bn (SP) and 827th TD Bn (SP) attached) is relieved from operational control of First French Army and reverts to control of Seventh Army.

2. Effective upon arrival in XV Corps area on or about 10 February 1945, the units listed below are attached to XV Corps for operations. A demobilization and supply remain with Seventh Army.

12th Armored Division
572nd AAA AW Bn (SP)
827th TD Bn (SP)

By command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

/s/t/ C. I. KERBLAN,
Major, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

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Peter S. Young
MAJOR S. YOUNG,
2nd Lt., FA,
Adjutant., 827th TD Bn.

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OUTGOING TELETYPE MESSAGE

ORIGINATED BY: G-3 SECTION APPROVED BY: C. V. A.

FROM: HATSLIP OG XV CORPS PRECEDENCE : OMIL PRIORITY

TO : OO 827TH TD BN DATE/TIME : 122000A FEB 45

(INFO TO: OG 12TH ARMD DIV)

OG SEVENTH ARMY COMMAND POST

OO 4TH MRU (TO OG SEVENTH ARMY FOR TRANSMITTAL)

MOVE WITHOUT DELAY THE 827TH TD BN FR PRESENT LOCATION TO

BAGGABAT PAREN VICTOFO TWO SIX EIGHT FOUR PAREN PD ADV DEF RPT TO

OO 68TH AAA GP AT BAGGABAT FOR INSTNS PD COORDINATE MOVE WITH

GEORGE FOUR TRAFFIC XV CORPS PAREN HICKORY TWO ZERO FOUR PAREN

PD MAINTAIN RADIO SILENCE PD EFF ON ARRIVAL UNIT REID FR ATCHMT

12TH ARMD DIV AND XV CORPS AND ATCHD TO 68TH AAA GP FOR OFNS PD

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2nd Lt., FA,
Adjutant., 827th TD Bn.

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Auth: OG 7 Army
HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY
APO 758
US ARMY

Init:
Date: 12 Feb 45
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AG 340.5 - C

12 February 1945

SUBJECT: Movement Order.

TO : Commanding General, XV Corps.

1. Move without delay the 827th TD Bn (SP) from present location to destination as designated by Commanding Officer, 68th AAA Group in accordance with the following instructions:

- a. Advance detachment will report to Commanding Officer 68th AAA Group at BANGORAT for instructions.
- b. Coordinate move with Transportation Officer, Seventh Army (LUNEVILLE, Telephone Cadet Rear 467).
- c. Move with organic transportation.
- d. Complete radio silence will be maintained during move.

2. Effective upon arrival destination unit is relieved from present attachment to 12th Armored Division and AV Corps and is attached to 68th AAA Group for operations. Administration and supply remain with Seventh Army.

3. Report time and date of departure and ETA destination to this Headquarters, Attention: A. C. of S., G-3.

BY command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

/s/t/ GLENN A. HENRY,
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General.

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PETER S. YOUNG,
2nd Lt., FA,
Adjutant, 827th TD Bn.

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HEADQUARTERS SIXTH ARMY GROUP
APO 23, U. S. Army

In reply
refer to:

AG 421.4/3 A-O

SUBJECT: Arms of the City of Colmar.

TO : Commanding General, XXI Corps, APO 101
THRU: Commanding General, Seventh Army, APO 758

1. To commemorate the liberation of the City of COLMAR, the Mayor of that City has authorized the wearing of the Arms of the City of COLMAR by the officers and enlisted men under the Army Group Commander's command. Such authorization is hereby extended to the officers and enlisted men who were assigned or attached to your command during the period 20 January to 9 February, 1945. It is desired that the commanders of units listed in Inclosure 1 be notified of the above.

2. This authorization does not constitute authorization for wearing of the Arms of the City of COLMAR as a part of the service uniform unless and until they have been incorporated in distinctive insignia or shoulder patches approved by the War Department.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

/s/t/ J. L. TARR
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General.

1 Incl:
List of Units.

AG 421.4 Pers

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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY, APO 758, U. S. Army, 12 March, 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XXI Corps, APO 101, U. S. Army.

For compliance with basic communication,

By command of Lieutenant General PATON:

/s/t/ W. G. CLIXELL,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

Incl: n/o

REPRODUCED: Hq XXI Corps, 18 Mar 45.

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Basic Ltr, Hq 6th Army Group, 3 March, 1945, Subj: Arms of the City of Cologne
421.4 AG 2nd Ind.

HQ XXI CORPS, APO 101, U. S. Army, 18 March, 1945.

TO: CO, 827th TD Bn (SP), U. S. Army.

The Commanding General is pleased to forward this for the information of all concerned.

For the Commanding General:

/s/t/ WIL IS E. VINCENT
Colonel AGD
Adjutant General

1 Incl:
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Certified a true copy.

W. S. Young
LESTER S. YOUNG,
1st Lt., FA,
Adjutant, 827th TD Bn.

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827TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 758, U. S. Army

8 March, 1945

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HEADQUARTERS 827TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 758 U. S. Army

8 March 1945.

UNIT HISTORY

For the period from 1 February, 1945, thru 28 February, 1945, the Battalion suffered two fatal losses, one from battle wounds and one from MLD causes. Five men were casualties, either LIA or IMA.

The Battalion did not take any prisoners of war.

There were no major transfers in Battalion Personnel. The battalion operated with under strength in both officer and EM personnel.

There were several promotions of noncommissioned officers within the Gun Companies. No change of officer personnel status.

The battalion participated during the first of the period, in the final action clearing the COLMAR POCKET of the enemy. During this action, commendation was earned from the French Corps Commander, with which our unit under the XXI Corps was operating. At completion of the objective, the 12th Armored Division, then our unit's immediate higher headquarters, was transferred to vicinity FAUQUEMONT, France, reverting to XV Corp Area. Subsequently, the Battalion proceeded to the vicinity of BACCARAT and continued as a Tank Destroyer Battalion, under 68th AAA Group, for operation and reverting to Seventh Army for administration, severing its service under 12th Armored Division. The Battalion was then occupied with guarding designated projects in Communications Zone Area, for the balance of the period.

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6 February 1945
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For the Commanding Officer:

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 (Signature) (Name typed)
 RUFUS JAMES, CWO., USA.,
 Ass't. Adjutant.

 (Grade and Branch)

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BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

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(Signature) *RUFUS JAMES, CWO, USAF,* (Name typed)
Ass't. Adjutant.

(Grade and Branch)

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APC 887

5 February 1945

SUBJECT: Battle Participation Awards - Germany Campaign (No 2)

TO : Commanding Generals

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1. In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 21b (2), AR 260-19, 25 October 1944, announcement is made of units awarded battle credit for participation in the campaign "Germany" as established by paragraph 3, Section VI, General Orders No 80, War Department, 5 October, 1944:

827th TP BN

3. Attention is invited to paragraph 7b, Section I, Circular 195, War Department, 18 May, 1944, regarding eligibility of individuals to wear a bronze service star on the theater ribbon.

4. In compliance with paragraph 8, Circular 62, War Department, 11 February, 1944, and letter, this headquarters, AG 200-6 OFGA, subject: "Individuals Entitled to Battle Participation Credit", 30 December, 1944, necessary entries will be made in service records (WD AGO Form No. 24) of enlisted personnel, and on qualification cards (WD AGO Form 66-1) of officers and warrant officers, whose eligibility to wear a bronze service star on the theater ribbon is established.

By command of General TISNICHOFF:

/s/t/ R. B. LOVETT
Brigadier General, USA,
Adjutant General.

A true copy. (Extract)

2nd Lt., FA,
Adjutant, 827th TD Bn.

HEADQUARTERS
827TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 758, U. S. Army

6 March, 1945.

UNIT JOURNAL

- 1 February, 1945: Message received from 12th Armored Division, alerting battalion for movement to MOLSHEIM, France.
- 2 February, 1945: 1st platoon, Company "A," attached (Field Order 8, 12th Armored Division) to CCA and 2nd platoon attached to CCB; 1st platoon, Company "B," attached to CCR (by same authority); remainder of Battalion alerted for movement.
- 3 February, 1945: In Officer brought order for Battalion to move vicinity St. HIPPOLYTE, France. Battalion crossed IP, STUTZHEIM, France, at 1600 hours, CP Group arriving at ORSCHWILLER, France, at 2015 hours.
- 4 February, 1945: G-3 Periodic Report #62 received showing 2nd platoon, Company "A," attached to TF BOONE, CCB; CCB reported closed in vicinity DAMBACH; CCR, including 1st platoon, Company "B," reported vicinity HOUSSER, France; CCA, with 1st platoon, Company "A," reported vicinity BARR, France. In Officer arrived with orders attaching 12th Armored Division, including 827th TD Bn., to XXI Corps. At 1330 Bn. CP closed ORCHWILLER, beginning movement to BERGHEIM, France. Bn closed in BERGHEIM at 1510.
- 6 February, 1945: At 1015 Bn departed BERGHEIM, arriving PFAFFENHEIM, France, at 1230.
- 10 February, 1945: Bn departed PFAFFENHEIM, closing in BIONVILLE, France, at 0910 hours, 11 February, 1945. Per VOGG, 12th AD, one platoon Company "A" attached to CCR, reporting to CO thereof as soon as possible vicinity WOLFS KIRCHEN.
- 12 February, 1945: At 1730 In Officer arrived with verbal orders from CG, 12th AD, alerting Bn for immediate movement to BACCARA T, France; advance detachment ordered to report to 68th AAA Gp. At 2215 In Officer returned with orders from CG, XXI Corps, ordering Bn to move morning of 13 February, 1945. VOGG also relieved Bn from attachment, 12th AD (upon arrival vicinity BACCARAT), and attached to 68th AAA Gp for operations.
- 13 February, 1945: At 0530 Bn departed BIONVILLE, closing in VERDENAL, France, at 1915.
- 17 February, 1945: Letter of Commendation received from Major General F. W. MILBURN, CG, XXI Corps (for participation in operations, Colmar area); Bn attached to XV Corps for operation (see attached extract), remaining with 7A for supplies and administration. Written orders received confirming verbal orders for Bn movement to BACCARAT, and attachment to 68th AAA Gp

Remainder of month spent as prescribed by 68th AAA Gp, guard duty.

HEADQUARTERS
827TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 758, U. S. Army

8 March, 1945.

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Following coordinates taken from Europe Road Map, 1:200,000, CHAUMONT-STRASBOURG, First Edition, Sheet Number 62:

| <u>NAMES:</u> | <u>COORDINATES:</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Houssen, France | V75 46 |
| Pfaffenheim, France | V66 32 |
| Verdenal, France | V33 88 |
| Baccarat, France | V28 83 |
| St. Hippolyte, France | V73 59 |
| Orschwiller, France | V73 6 |
| Stutzheim, France | Q91 05 |
| Barr, France | V78 78 |
| Bergheim, France | V72 55 |

Following coordinates taken from Europe Road Map, 1:200,000, VERDUN-WISSEMBOURG, Sheet Number 57:

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| Bionville, France | Q09 57 |
| Wolfskirchen, France | Q52 32 |

HEADQUARTERS 79TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 79, U. S. Army

8 March, 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER.....36)

- I. Award of Silver Star.
- II. Award of Bronze Star Medal.
- III. Posthumous Award of Bronze Star Medal.

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men.

Second Lieutenant ROBERT F. JONES, 0523726, Infantry, 827th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy from 10 through 16 January, 1945, in France. With no previous experience as a Tank Destroyer platoon leader, Lieutenant JONES led his platoon into a town where the platoon was subsequently isolated and surrounded by the enemy. Although the enemy attacked his positions repeatedly, Lieutenant JONES so effectively directed the fire of his weapons that the enemy attack was repulsed. He personally accounted for several of the enemy when infantry attempted to infiltrate within rocket launcher range of his position. The courageous leadership and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant JONES reflect highest credit on the armed forces of the United States.

By command of *Ma* for General WYCHE:

KRAMER THOMAS,
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff

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/s/t/ JOHN H. HANSEN,
Lt. Col., AGD,
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8. The fol changes in asgmts are directed. Travel by govt motor veh is attd. WP. POS. TDN. EDORR 24 Mar 45.

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| LT COL | PHILIP J. VANDER ZWIEP | O 267 932 | 627th Tank Bn | Hq Seventh Army | |

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Major General GSO
Chief of Staff

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| MAJOR | LUTHER L. WILLARD | O 330 721 | Cav |
| CAPT | EUGENE F. WILSON | O 304 596 | Inf |

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HEADQUARTERS
827TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
AFC 758
US ARMY

25 March 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER 1)

ASSIGNMENT OF COMMAND

Under the provisions of paragraph 4, AR 600-20, the undersigned assumes command of the 827th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

/s/t/ LUTHER L. WILLARD
Major, Cavalry
Commanding

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Date: 30 Mar/45

HEADQUARTERS SIXTY EIGHTH GROUP

302110A March 1945

Combat Message No. 77

TO: Commanding Officer 827 TD Bn (SF).

Effective 011200A Apr/45, you are relieved of the responsibility for guarding the POL pipeline from BACCARAT to LA FORGE.

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/s/t/ SOHLTENTZ
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311530A March 1945

TO: Commanding Officer, 827th TD Bn (SF)

2. The 827th TD Bn (less Co A) will move the morning of 2 April to KAISERSLAUTERN, GERMANY.

3. The OC, 827th TD Bn., will report immediately to A C of S, G-2, Sixth Army Group for instructions. The 827th TD Bn will be relieved from operational control of this Hq and attached to Sixth Army Group upon arrival at destination per VCOG, Seventh Army. Orders to be published by that Hq.

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OFFICIAL:

/s/t/ SCHLIENTZ
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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY
APO 758 US ARMY

AG 370.5 - 0

31 March, 1945

SUBJECT: Movement and Assignment Order.

TO : Commanding Officer, 68th AAA Gp.

1. Move as soon as practicable the 827th TD Bn (less Det) from present location to KAISERSLAUTERN, (R-0294) in accordance with the following instructions:

a. Advance Detachment report to Lt Col FRANKEL, at SPECIALIST CAMP, KAISERSLAUTERN for instructions.

b. Coordinate move with Transportation Officer, Seventh Army, (Telephone Cadet Rear 467).

2. Effective this date, PAO in radiogram Hq 6th Army Gp, Ref No BAX 25483, dated 30 March 1945, the 827th TD Bn is relieved from assignment to Seventh Army and attachment to 68th AAA Group and is assigned to Hq Sixth Army Group.

3. Report time and date of departure and ETA destination to this headquarters, Attention: A. O. of S., G-3.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL PATCH:

/s/t/ GLENN A. HENRY
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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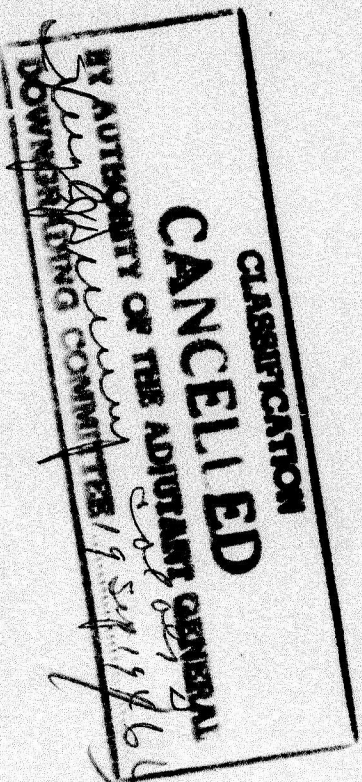
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827TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 750, U. S. Army

10 April, 1945.

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827TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 758, U. S. Army

10 April, 1945

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, Sixth Army Group
APO 23, U. S. Army
(Attn: G - 1)

Forwarded herewith Unit History for month of March, 1945.

For the Battalion Commander:

For the Battalion Commander
LESTER S. YOUNG,
1st Lt., FA,
Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS
827TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 758, U. S. Army

10 April, 1945.

UNIT JOURNAL

The month of 1-31 March, 1945, offered no pertinent changes within the battalion, exceptions being that Lt. Col. Vender Zwiep was relieved of command of the battalion, and same was assumed by Major Luther L. Willard (See supporting documents).

Assignment, relief from assignment, and movement orders also were received during this period (See supporting documents).

Battalion departed BACCARAT, FRANCE, at 1130 hours, 31 March, 1945, and arrived ZWEIBRUCKEN, GERMANY, at 1730 hours the same date. Battalion departed ZWEIBRUCKEN, GERMANY, at 1100 hours, 3 April, 1945, arriving KAISERSLAUTERN, GERMANY, at 1330 hours same date.

HEADQUARTERS
827TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 758, U. S. Army

10 April, 1945.

UNIT HISTORY

The entire Battalion throughout the month (March, 1945) has been devoted to security duty within the Communications Zone. Operations within the Battalion have been accomplished by Company Units and have functioned at two Ammunition dumps, at one Army Motor Pool and along a section of POL for the fourth unit.

No combat duty was in effect at any time during the month.

The Battalion CP was located for the period at BACCHARAT, France. At the end of the month, it was transferred to KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany. At this time the Battalion assumed new duties, following relief of each unit from its previous duty. The entire Battalion was then located in the immediate vicinity of the Battalion CP.

There was a relief of the Battalion Commander, and with the new assumption of command three additional officers were added to duty within the Battalion.

Three officers were on Temporary Duty with the 824th TD Battalion for training purposes within that Battalion, for four weeks.

No casualties were suffered within the period.

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APO 758, U. S. Army

10 April, 1945.

COORDINATES

(Coordinates taken from Map "Germany And Its Approaches", July, 1944)
(Lat., 49 Degrees, 30 Minutes

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| KAISERSLAUTERN | -----; | (Long., 7 | " | 40 | " |